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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kensaku KOMATSU, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/884,084

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EXAMINER: A. FORTUNA

FOR: POROUS HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANES AND METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME

## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

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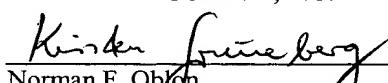
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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SIR:

In response to the advisory Action dated March 14, 2003, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the Claims as follows.

6. (Twice Amended) A method of making a porous hollow fiber membrane, comprising:

forming said hollow fiber membrane according to a dry-wet spinning method or a wet spinning method while using the following components:

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a spinning dope containing a base polymer as a material for forming said porous hollow fiber membrane,

an additive for facilitating a phase separation of said spinning dope, a solvent compatible with both, said base polymer and said additive, and a mass of microparticles insoluble in said solvent, wherein said microparticles